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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN AND AEROFLOT PERSONNEL

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1. PAN AMERICAN LOCAL MANAGER WALTER NELSON CONFIRMED TO E/C COUNSELOR JUNE 15 THAT PAN AMERICAN WOULD HAVE ONLY FOUR CHARTER FLIGHTS IN JUNE, NO MORE THAN THAT IN JULY AND PERHAPS 35 OF THE EARLIER ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF 90 FOR THE WHOLE SEASON. SOME BUT NOT ALL OF LOST REVENUE HAS BEEN MADE UP BY PLACEMENT OF WOULD-BE CHARTER PASSENGERS ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS, AND THROUGH CANCELLATION FEES PAID BY TOUR OPERATOR.

2. NELSON SAID THAT LACK OF BUSINESS WAS MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO INDUCE HOME OFFICE TO PROVIDE FOR POSITIONS IN MOSCOW, WHERE HE IS DOWN TO TWO AMERICANS (NELSON AND A FLIGHT MECHANIC) AND FIVE SOVIETS (THREE AT AIRPORT, TWO IN OFFICE), PLUS TWO SOVIETS WHOM HE HIRES OUT OF SEPARATE FUNDS. PLACE OF NUMBER TWO FORMERLY HELD BY AMERICAN (LAMURAGLIA) WILL EITHER GO UNFILLED OR A SOVIET CITIZEN WILL BE HIRED, ACCORDING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NELSON. IN ADDITION, PAN AMERICAN PAYS ONE AEROFLOT OFFICIAL AT LENINGRAD ON PER FLIGHT BASIS FOR HANDLING PANAM CHARTERS THERE.

3. NELSON'S UNDERSTANDING OF AEROFLOT PERSONNEL IN U.S. IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) JFK - A STATION MANAGER, TWO GROUND ENGINEERS AND TWO SECRETARIES (WIVES OF MEMBERS OF SMUN);

B) NY OFFICE - SAMORUKOV, PLUS TWO OTHER MALES AND THREE FEMALE EMPLOYEES (ALSO WIVES OF SMUN OFFICIALS); SOVIETS APPROACHED PAN AMERICAN ABOUT PROVIDING AMERICAN EMPLOYEE - THEY SAID NO AMERICAN WANTED TO WORK DIRECTLY FOR AEROFLOT - BUT TALKS FOUNDERED ON QUESTION OF WHAT PRIVILEGES EMPLOYEE WOULD ENJOY.

C) IAD - STATION MANAGER, ONE ASSISTANT AND PERHAPS ONE FEMALE EMPLOYEE.

D) WASHINGTON OFFICE - NO INFORMATION.

4. REQUESTED ACTION: COULD DEPARTMENT ADVISE AS TO CURRENT NUMBERS AND DISPOSITION OF AEROFLOT'S SOVIET PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES? MATLOCK

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